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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masatoshi TOHATA, et al.

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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant's representative hereby respectfully requests that an Oral Hearing be scheduled in the above-identified application.

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